

## **POLICY ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE**

**WHEREAS**, *{local government jurisdiction}* has received federal funding through the HOME program; and,

**WHEREAS**, Section 519 of the Department of Veteran Affairs and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 1990 requires that all HOME recipients adopt and enforce a policy to prohibit the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within the recipient's jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

**WHEREAS**, all recipients of HOME funds are further required to follow a policy of enforcing applicable state and local laws against physically barring entrances or exits to a facility that is the subject of a nonviolent protest demonstration; and

**WHEREAS**, *{local government jurisdiction}* endorses a policy prohibiting the use of excessive force and will inform all law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction of this policy,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, *{local government jurisdiction}* hereby prohibits any law enforcement agency operating within its jurisdiction from using excessive force against any individuals engaged in nonviolent civil rights demonstrations. In addition, *{local government jurisdiction}* agrees to enforce any applicable state or local laws against physically barring entrances or exits from a facility or location that is the subject of a non-violent protest demonstration. *{local government jurisdiction}* further pledges enforcement of this policy within its jurisdiction and encourages any individual or group who feels that *{local government jurisdiction}* has not complied with this policy to file a complaint.

Information and assistance relative to excessive force complaints shall be provided by *{name and phone number of the local government jurisdiction's office responsible for policy enforcement}*.

Adopted by *{local government jurisdiction}* this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

Signed *{chief elected official}* .